

Conservatives' Opinion of Geo. W. Fowler, M. P.

Commenting upon the Debate in the House of Commons, Tuesday, March 26, the Montreal Star, which is the leading Conservative Newspaper in Canada, said:— "If Mr. Fowler remains dumb as he did yesterday all through the debate, he should be kicked out of the House, and Parliament would be well rid of one of the most ignoble and thoroughly contemptible characters it has had the misfortune to contain. Mr. Fowler went into the gutter to get mud with which to frighten off members who followed up his by no means reassuring trail, and he has remained hidden there from choice."

Then the Toronto News, the leading Conservative Newspaper of Toronto, associates the representative of Kings-Albert with Foster and others in a land deal that was costly to the poor settler, in these words:—

"Conservative speakers in the House who took the part of the settler, bought land from the railways at \$3.50 an acre. They turned it over to Foster, Wilson and McGillivray at \$4.50 an acre, and they in turn to the Union Trust at \$5.00 an acre. By the time the settler gets this land it will cost him from \$7 to \$10 an acre. Nothing was done by Pope, Fowler, Foster, McGillivray or Wilson to improve the property. The price was raised arbitrarily, and all got a handsome profit which they did not deserve and which eventually the settlers will pay. Officially as public men these "capitalists" wanted the West settled rapidly and depeopled land speculation as contrary to the interests of the country. Unofficially as private individuals they speculated themselves, and did not care what became of the settler. There is a deal of inconsistency here which the country would like to see explained."

Is this the Representative Kings-Albert Wants?

MERCER CLAIMANTS TO GO TO NEW YORK

Matter of Great Fortune to Come Up in Court There Next Month

COUNT 300 HEIRS

St. John Descendants of Joseph Mercer Tell of Recent Happenings in Connection With the Claim for Wealth—Part of the Property in Heart of New York.

The announcement made in the Telegraph on Wednesday that New Brunswick people are interested in the distribution of the Mercer millions has aroused interest, and there is curiosity as to the real standing of the claimants in St. John and elsewhere in the province. A reported Thursday saw Mrs. Margaret Stevens, of 122 Waterloo street, and Mrs. J. R. Davis, of Spring street, who are both heirs. They gave the information that a letter had been received from a firm of lawyers in New York asking them to forward certified proofs of their descent from Joseph Mercer, who came to this country with the Loyalists.

The letter stated that if this was done the claim to the estate could be established, as the New York lawyers have evidence to show the connection between Joseph Mercer, the Loyalist, and General Hugh Mercer, the founder of the Ohio estate of the Mercers.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Stevens are both granddaughters of Joseph Mercer, a son of Joseph Mercer, the Loyalist. Mrs. Davis' mother, Sophia Mercer, married P. Floyd, and her brother, S. K. Chester Floyd, of New York, is also an heir. Mrs. Stevens' mother, Jane Mercer, married James Robertson, and her brother, Rev. J. A. Robertson, of New York, is assisting in the efforts to secure the settlement of the estate.

Mrs. Stevens said that if the property was not delivered into the hands of the rightful owners before Bill the United States Government would become the owners. The property comprises thirty-five acres in the heart of New York City and large tracts of land in New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia. An application will be filed in the New York courts in October, and all claimants who can present certified proofs of descent from Joseph Mercer will be asked to attend. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Stevens will likely go to New York before October 1.

The foundation of the immense fortune known as the Mercer estate dates back to 1780, when Gideon Mercer, a bright Scotch lad, arrived in New York. He had a talent for making money, and acquired large tracts of land before the revolutionary war. A branch of the Mercer family removed to Ohio, and General Hugh Mercer was the most prominent representative. He seems to have been very wealthy, but on the breaking out of the war he was killed in the battle of Princeton in 1776.

Both the estate of Gideon Mercer and Hugh Mercer were leased for ninety-nine years, and the direct heirs to the property were lost sight of. About twenty years ago the lease to the New York estate expired, and in some way W. H. Vanderbilt secured control of a large portion of the estate. He, it is said, endeavored to make a sale to the United States government, and in the proceeding of transfer there was a hitch, about his title being clear. The Ohio Mercer fortune became free about the same time, and since that time the courts have been occupied in hearing applications for the property.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Davis have counted up 300 relatives, whom they consider on the same footing as themselves as heirs. The estate is valued at about \$20,000,000.

REV. H. R. TRUMPOUR CHOSEN RECTOR OF PETERBORO CHURCH

At a meeting of the congregation of St. John's, Peterboro, held today, Rev. H. R. Trumpour, of St. John, was chosen rector by Rev. William Major, as rector.

EXHIBITS FROM OUTSIDE PLACES ARE ARRIVING

The Busy Days Before the Exhibition Opening—Cattle from Halifax Fair Coming.

The exhibits of live stock will commence to arrive at the exhibition grounds tomorrow, and the space devoted to this very interesting part of the big show will be rapidly filled. All entries are expected to be in place by 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Several large herds of cattle that were a feature of the Halifax fair will be entered here and they will arrive by train either tomorrow night or on Sunday morning. The poultry exhibits will all be in place tomorrow night, and as more than 1,000 birds will be shown, the building where the feathered stock hold forth should be a place of great interest.

Some of the agricultural exhibits have already arrived, and more are expected tomorrow, and all will be on show at an early hour on Monday. Visitors to the buildings have expressed great surprise and delight at the appearance of the decorations both inside and out. The trimmings at the entrance have called forth many exclamations of pleasure and satisfaction at the tasteful design arranged. Just inside the main doors a canopy of green drapery has been put up, and Chinese lanterns are suspended at intervals.

Everywhere about the building can be heard the sound of hammer and saw, as final preparations are being made. Out on the grounds men are busy at the fire-works shed, getting the frames built for the big fire works. It has been found necessary, in order to have the big tank ready for the diving horses, for the men to work day and night, and last night pick and shovel were kept going steadily, the work being carried on under the light of an electric lamp. The digging has been found very difficult, owing to the nature of the material encountered, a lot of solid masonry wall being one of the obstacles and the steady flow of water from the Boston boat, and this morning the workmen are now down about six or seven feet, but it is necessary to go to a depth of twelve feet before the work will be complete. All will be in readiness, however, for the first dive of the horses on Monday afternoon at 5:30.

Mrs. Tom Thum and her company of Elipitians, who are to give an entertainment in the small amusement hall, will arrive on the Boston boat, this morning, and will take up their quarters at the Dufferin Hotel.

SAY CARLETON MAN MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED

It is believed by his friends here that Whitney, a native of Carleton, is dead in the west as the result of a shooting affray which is reported to have taken place near Moosejaw. It is noted that he was found dead in a harvest field with a bullet wound in his head, and that other men were also shot in the fight. Whitney's fate is unknown.

Mr. Clark went west on the harvesters' excursion. The news of his death has not been received directly by his relatives in Carleton, but his wife, who is living at the West side, is understood to have received a despatch containing the sad information. Two brothers of Mr. Clark are living on the West side, also a sister. They are James Clark, of Guilford street; E. Clay Clark, and Mrs. James McLaughlin. Beyond the general report referred to, they have not received any news.

Whitney Clark was quite well known here as a carpenter. He has many friends who hope that the reports of his murder will prove unfounded.

NOVA SCOTIA LIBERALS CHOOSE CANDIDATES

Halifax, Sept. 10. Charles Hill was nominated by the Liberal convention in Halifax today to contest the county against John Stanfield.

A. K. McLean was nominated by the Liberal convention in Lunenburg today. Judge D. D. MacKenzie of North Sydney was nominated by the Liberals of North Cape Breton, at a convention held in Baddeck. Judge MacKenzie has not yet signified his acceptance. He is a county judge and was appointed only a couple of years ago.

In Inverness Dr. Chisholm was nominated by the Liberals.

Schelman Frank Parker, of Baldwin (Me.), while digging for a foundation, found an old-fashioned hoghead about four feet beneath the surface. It was found to contain an old shoe, in perfect condition, and an eye, like a type used about 75 years ago. None of the initials of the town can explain it, it was buried.

LOCAL NEWS

On Tuesday night friends gathered at the summer home of Allan Wetmore in Drury Cove in commemoration of the day of his birth, the thirteenth anniversary of his marriage and the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dearborn.

The fleet of tugs owned by D. F. Glavin & Sons, now being repaired. The Flushing has already been completed. The boats will all be painted alike, the hulls of bright red, the bulwarks white, the cabin red and green, with white trimmings, and the stacks black.

The St. John County West, L. O. L., has elected Nelson Spinney, W. C. M.; T. Stout, D. C. M.; H. P. Allingham, chaplain; William Chessman, financial secretary; W. L. Canton, recording secretary; William Symest, treasurer; W. V. Turnbull, directors of ceremonies; E. Long, county lecturer; A. Galbraith, St. Patrick's, deputy lecturer.

The third of the steel barges being built by James Fleming for the Dominion government was launched from Hilliard's blocks Wednesday morning. The barge is 125 feet long, has a beam of 22 feet and a depth of nine feet. She is of 230 tons dead weight and has a capacity of 200 cubic yards. The work has been done under the supervision of Fred S. Heans. The fourth barge will be ready for launching about October 1.

A despatch received by the Carleton (Ottawa) from Schriener (Ont.), announced that J. K. Rice had both his legs broken in an accident and is now receiving treatment in the Port Arthur Hospital. It is presumed he was hurt in a railway accident, for he is an engineer in the employ of the C. P. R. He is a son of Captain Fred Rice, formerly of the fire service, and was married only a few months before his death. Mrs. Rice is now at her home in Tracy.

Mark O'Meara, Quebec, youngest son of D. D. O'Meara, inspector of customs, was drowned while bathing at Rio Janeiro on Friday last. He left Quebec after the necessary formalities on board the steamer "Queen of the North," which was on a four months' cruise. He was only twenty-four years old. Many friends in St. John will read of his death with regret. He was in St. John for some time as clerk with the Elder Dempster Steamship Company, and was later with the C. P. R.

PERSONALS

The marriage of Miss Gladys Parkins, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fairlight Parkins, 284 University street, to Charles Blackman, of St. John, will take place on Tuesday afternoon, September 29 at 5:30, in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Manchester, of Providence (R. I.), are spending a few weeks pleasantly at the home of Rev. D. Hutchinson, of St. John.

Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Stephens, of Somerville (Mass.), are here after their honeymoon trip, and are guests of Mrs. J. O. Biederman, Queen street.

Councillor F. M. Cochran, of St. Martin, is registered at the Dufferin.

His Lordship Bishop Barry, of Chatham, is in the city, the guest of the Bishop of St. John.

Joseph Donovan, of Fairville, has gone to St. Joseph's University to teach shorthand and typewriting and will also enter upon the first year of the classical course. Miss Alice Lloyd, of Rock Bay, Boston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas W. K. Clawson in Fredericton.

J. Walter Holly, H. G. Crosby, J. Rowden Thomson and J. A. Pugsley have returned from an auto trip to Fredericton. A. H. Wetmore has fully recovered from his illness and takes charge of the office of the Metropolitan Life today. John Hadden who has been superintendent during his absence leaves tonight for Winnipeg.

Roy C. Dalzell left this morning for Sackville to enter upon a course of studies at the university.

Howard Troup and Thomas J. Flood, who are ill, are reported to be progressing well.

C. A. Gray, local manager of the Union Bank of Halifax, who was operated on at the hospital on Monday for appendicitis, is reported to be progressing favorably toward recovery.

His Lordship Bishop Casey, Bishop Park of Chatham, and Rev. Dr. Lewis J. O'Leary, secretary to Bishop Barry, left this morning for Halifax.

BRITAIN'S GREATEST DREADNOUGHT LAUNCHED

Portsmouth, Sept. 10.—The St. Vincent, the largest and heaviest battleship ever built for the British navy, was launched successfully here today. The weather was fine and the sea smooth, and a great crowd saw the vessel take the water. As the warship slipped from her blocks, she was christened by the Countess Beauchamp. Counting the three existing battleships of the invulnerable class, the St. Vincent is the eighth vessel of the Dreadnought type to be launched in this country. The Admiralty has observed its usual reticence with regard to the details of the design and construction of the St. Vincent, but from certain figures that were given out, it is manifest that the experience gained from the construction of the Dreadnought has been utilized in this vessel. It is believed that some additional weight of the St. Vincent is to be accounted for by her heavier armament for protection against torpedoes, and by improvements giving greater security to those controlling the movements of the ship while in action. A number of foreign naval architects had attended the launching on the invitation of the Admiralty.

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LONG SERVICE MEDAL FOR COLONEL BAXTER

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—Lieut. Col. J. B. M. Baxter, 3rd Regiment C. A., has been awarded the long service medal.

ORIGIN OF VEGETABLES

Where Many of Those in Daily Usage Were First Grown. (Revue Scientifique.)

The potato, which was already cultivated in America when the continent was discovered, is spontaneous in Chile. It was introduced to Europe in 1580 and 1585 by the Spaniards, and almost at the same time by the English, who brought it from Virginia, where it had appeared about 1550.

The sweet potato and the Jerusalem artichoke are also supposed to come from America.

Salsify is found in a wild state in Greece, Dalmatia, Italy and Algeria. According to Miller de Serres, it has been cultivated in the south of France since the sixteenth century.

Turnips and radishes came originally from Central Europe. The best root and the best, which have been greatly improved by cultivators, are considered as the same species, and are considered as the same species, and are considered as the same species.

The origin of the egg plant is India, that of the broadbean is unknown, as also that of the lentil, the pea, chickpea and haricot. The last named appears to have come originally from America.

The carrot grows spontaneously throughout Europe, Asia Minor, Siberia, and Algeria, and from Europe and North America, the mountains of India and North America. Spanish is supposed to have come from Northern Asia.

For some twenty years past the carrot has been used in China and Japan, as well as in the savoring flesh, which has long been cultivated in the East Indies.

The tomato comes from Peru, the cucumber from India, and the pumpkin from Guinea.

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PUGSLEY AND PENDER LIBERAL CANDIDATES

Improvements in transportation, he said, were going on all over Canada. Their opponents said they were extravagant but the reason that they had more money to spend was the increased earning power and prosperity of the people under liberal rule.

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HALIFAX FAIR ATTENDANCE 76,067

Halifax, Sept. 10.—The total attendance at the exhibition which closed today, was 76,067. Last year the figures were 88,346.

The tight rope performer fell this afternoon but was not seriously hurt.